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BILL KURTIS: We have a rare opportunity to spy into the family life of a secret agent. Bina Kiyonaga has just published a magazine memoir about her late husband's career with the CIA. While Joe worked as a spy, she and her children had their own roles to play in espionage.

Bina Kiyonaga is in our Washington Bureau this morning to tell us about those days and about her husband's.

Good morning, Bina.

BINA KIYONAGA: Good morning.

KURTIS: Good to have you with us.

Why would -- I know you're speaking from the perspective of a wife. Why would a man go into the CIA?

KIYONAGA: Well, Joe joined the CIA right at the inception of the CIA in the late '40s. And I think he viewed it, as most of his colleagues did, as a continuation of their military service in World War II. They viewed it as being in defense of their country. They were motivated by patriotism.

KURTIS: And probably hoping to see a little excitement along the way.

KIYONAGA: You bet.

KURTIS: You write in your article "I also learned to be a spy before dinner parties." I'll let you finish that.